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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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VEGETABLE OIL TO RUN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to run trains with vegetable oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): No survey has been done so far. However, based on the characteristics of bio- diesel (derived from vegetable oil) and experience in other countries, potential for running diesel locos on bio-diesel exists. Indian Railways are in the process of initiating a pilot project jointly with Indian Oil Corporation for the trial of bio-diesel as a fuel in diesel locomotives. Details are presently under finalization. In the meantime, laboratory trials have been conducted satisfactorily on the test bed and field trials will be done shortly.